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May 27, 2005

Mr. Gene K. Fong  
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650 Capitol Mall  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Dear Ms. Kiser:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the San Diego Association of Governments' (SANDAG) 2004/5-2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
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| 8          | <b>State Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies funding for a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project in San Diego County. The amendment moves a total of \$50,000,000 from the construction phase to the right of way phase for the "State Route 905 New Freeway (MPO Id: CAL38)" project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06. See enclosure.</li></ul> |
|            | <b>Local Element</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modifies Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) lump sum project (MPO Id: CAL44) per project list constituting the lump sum. See enclosure.</li></ul>   |

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 8 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming has been found by SANDAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the

overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by SANDAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SANDAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Gary Gallegos - San Diego Association of Governments
- Sookyung Kim - San Diego Association of Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans